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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Masato SHIMADA, et al.

Docket No: Q52241

Appln. No.: 09/199,816

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 4106

Examiner: Judy NGUYEN

Filed: November 25, 1998

For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET RECORDER

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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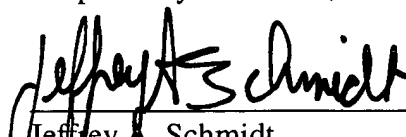
Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement as mailed on April 15, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species I, Figs. 1-2(b), and Sub-species J, Figs. 16(a)-(c), for prosecution on the merits.

Claims 1-3, 10, 48, 51, 52, and 67, are readable on each of Species I and Sub-species A. Additionally, claims 11, 12, and 40-43, read on Species I, whereas claims 20-23, 36, and 38, read on Sub-species A.

An action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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